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SUBJECT: MTN: ADDITIONAL VENEZUELAN REQUESTS

REFTEL: CARACAS 3208

1. US MTN DEL (KNEPPER) SPOKE WITH VENEZUELAN MTN DEL (QUINTERO) APRIL 10 CONCERNING STATUS OF ADDITIONAL REQUESTS BY VENEZUELA. QUINTERO REAFFIRMED THAT THEIR DELEGATION CONTINUED TO AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS AWARE THAT US, WOULD NOT, IN GENERAL, CONSIDER MAKING AN OFFER ON A PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE PROCEDURES AGREED UPON IN GROUP AGRICULTURE IF A REQUEST WAS NOT RECEIVED FROM THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER. THERE ARE FOUR SUCH PRODUCTS IN WHICH VENEZUELA AS U.S. PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1976, AND ON WHICH VENEZUELAN REQUEST IS NEEDED FOR U.S. TO CONSIDER MAKING AN OFFER ON THESE PRODUCTS: TSUS 114.20 CRABMEAT; TSUS 111.56 FISH PRESERVED; TSUS 182.90 EDIBLE PREPARATIONS OF GELATIN; TSUS 193.10 TONKA BEANS. (FYI INITIAL ANDEAN REQUEST ON TONKA BEANS WAS WITHDRAWN WHEN THEY REVISED THEIR REQUEST LIST.)

2. COMMENT: US MTN DEL WELCOMES CONTINUED EMBASSY CARACAS REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. WE ARE TOLD BY OTHER ANDEAN DELS THAT VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR GENEVA DELS HAVE BECOME "VERY NEGATIVE" IN INTRA-ANDEAN DISCUSSIONS AS TO POSSIBLE BENEFITS FOR THEIR COUNTRIES IN THE MTN. IN FORMAL U.S. CONSULTATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES, THEY INVARIABLY SEEK (A) UNILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER AND (B) REPEAT THEIR UNHAPPINESS WITH BEING EXCLUDED FROM U.S. GSP, EVEN THOUGH GSP IS NOT RELEVANT TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND SHOULD, IN ANY EVENT, ENHANCE THE VALUE OF MFN CONCESSIONS. LACK OF ADDITIONAL VENEZUELAN REQUESTS AT THIS STAGE MAY REFLECT TACTIC OF VENEZUELA'S GENEVA DEL IN SEEKING TO AVOID NEGOTIATIONS ON PRODUCT SPECIFIC "CONTRIBUTIONS" TO THE MTN.

3. DRAFTED BY KNEPPER. MCDONALD

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